

State Senator Justine Wadsack Extremism Spotlight

Wadsack claimed the Uvalde School Massacre was a false flag event. Wadsack posted on Facebook that the Uvalde school shooting which claimed the lives of 19 students and 2 teachers was a false flag operation to promote “Red Flag laws and gun regulations.” According to Media Matters, “Newly uncovered Facebook posts show that Arizona Republican state Sen. Justine Wadsack declared that the Uvalde, Texas, mass school shooting was a false flag event enacted to install ‘Red Flag laws and gun regulations.’ Wadsack’s embrace of the Uvalde false flag conspiracy theory came after another Facebook user sent her numerous pieces of supposed evidence in a comments section. It is another example demonstrating how social media, including Facebook, helps further push people down misinformation rabbit holes.” [Media Matters, [6/7/2023](#)]

Wadsack shared 9/11 misinformation portraying the tragedy as a false flag event and “inside job.” On the 22nd anniversary of September 11th, Wadsack shared fake transcripts from United Flight 93 and liked multiple posts claiming the tragedy was an “inside job.” According to the Arizona Mirror: “‘It was an inside job, a false flag, to steal Middle East oil,’ read one post on the social media site X, formerly Twitter, that Wadsack liked. Another post that she liked said 9/11 was an ‘inside job’ resulting in ‘millions’ of deaths. She also liked a post by another user who claimed that ‘the villains (behind 9/11) are still in DC.’ ‘I made the decision to NOT trust my government THAT day!’ Wadsack said on Sept. 12 in a reply to someone alleging government involvement in the attacks. ‘It never added up. Still doesn’t, and now look at the state of thing. (sic)’” [Arizona Mirror, [9/12/2023](#)]

Wadsack introduced legislation criminalizing drag shows, forcing performers to register as sex offenders and face a minimum of 10 years in prison. Wadsack introduced SB 1698, which according to the Arizona Mirror, “would punish anyone who performs for or allows a minor to view an ‘adult-oriented performance,’ or even enter a business in which one is occurring. Drag shows would be included in the definition of adult-oriented businesses, which has historically applied only to strip clubs and porn shops. Any adult who violates the bill’s provisions would be charged with a class 4 felony, potentially netting them up to 3 years in prison. But if the child is under 15 years old, it is prosecutable as a dangerous crime against children, which increases the penalty to a 10-year sentence, and requires those convicted to register as sex offenders.” [[SB 1698](#), vetoed by Governor, 6/16/2023; Arizona Mirror, [2/17/2023](#)]